Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name;

determining whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases;

selectively rewriting the received search query based on whether the entity name is determined to ~~be associated with a common word or phrase~~ correspond to one of the common words or phrases;

performing a search based on the received search query or the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and

presenting the search results.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a link to the received search query when the search is performed based on the rewritten search query.

3.   (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving selection of the link to the received search query; and

wherein performing the search comprises:

performing [[a]] the search based on the received search query.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a link to the rewritten search query when the search is performed based on the received search query.

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

receiving selection of the link to the rewritten search query; and

wherein performing the search comprises:

performing [[a]] the search based on the rewritten search query.

6.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether a word near the entity name in the received search query forms a common phrase with the entity name; and

wherein performing the search comprises:

performing [[a]] the search based on the received search query when it is determined that [[a]] the word near the entity name forms a common phrase with the entity name.

7.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:

comparing the entity name to a dictionary of words or phrases.

8.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:

using an inverse document frequency weighting technique or a linguistic modeling technique to identify whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases.

9.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:

generating a table of entity names that ~~are associated with common words or phrases~~ correspond to the common words or phrases, and

determining whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases based on the table.

10.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein selectively rewriting the received search query comprises:

modifying the received search query to include a restrict identifier <u>that restricts</u> <u>the search to a particular domain</u> associated with the entity name when the entity name is determined not to ~~be associated with a common word or phrase~~ <u>correspond to one of the</u> <u>common words or phrases</u>.

11.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the received search query includes an entity name comprises:

identifying a plurality of variations of a plurality entity names, and

determining whether the received search query includes one of the variations of the entity names.

12.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein performing a search comprises:

<u>automatically</u> searching based on the received search query when the entity name is determined to ~~be associated with a common word or phrase~~ <u>correspond to one of the</u> <u>common words or phrases</u>.

13.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein performing a search comprises:

<u>automatically</u> searching based on the rewritten search query when the entity name is determined not to ~~be associated with a common word or phrase~~ <u>correspond to one of</u> <u>the common words or phrases</u>.

14.   (currently amended) A system, comprising:

means for receiving a search query;

means for determining whether the received search query includes an entity name;

means for determining whether the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases;

means for rewriting the received search query when it is determined that the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases;

means for performing a search based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and

means for providing the search results.

15.   (original) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for providing a link to the received search query.

16.   (original) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving selection of the link to the received search query; and

means for performing a search based on the received search query.

17.   (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a memory; and

a processor connected to the memory to:

    receive a search query,

    determine whether the received search query includes an entity name, and

    selectively rewrite the received search query to obtain a rewritten search

query when it is determined that the received search query includes an entity

name, the rewritten search query including a restrict identifier that restricts a

search associated with the rewritten search query to a particular domain

associated with the entity name.

18.   (currently amended) A method, comprising:

determining a plurality of entity names;

determining whether each of the entity names ~~is associated with a common word~~

~~or phrase~~ corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases; and

    generating a table of the entity names that ~~are associated with~~ correspond to the

common words or phrases.

19.   (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein determining

whether each of the entity names ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~

corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:

    comparing each of the entity names to a dictionary of words or phrases.

20.   (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein determining whether each of the entity names is associated with a common word or phrase corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:

using an inverse document frequency weighting technique or a linguistic modeling technique to identify whether each of the entity names is associated with a common word or phrase corresponds to one of the common words or phrases.

21.   (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a processor to:

identify a plurality of entity names,

determine whether each of the entity names is associated with a common word or phrase corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases, and

generate a table that comprises ones of the entity names that are associated with correspond to one of the common words or phrases; and

a memory to store the table.

22.   (currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name;

determining whether the entity name is associated with a common word or phrase corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases;

when the entity name ~~is associated with a common word or phrase~~ corresponds to one of the common words or phrases,

generating a link to a rewritten query,

performing a search based on the received search query to obtain first search results, and

providing the first search results and the link to the rewritten query; and

when the entity name ~~is not associated with a common word or phrase~~ does not correspond to one of the common words or phrases,

rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier that identifies a particular domain associated with the entity name,

generating a link to the received search query,

performing a search for documents within the particular domain based on the rewritten search query to obtain second search results, and

providing the second search results and the link to the received search query.